

**Table 1 General Hook & Line Regulations (Note 1)**

This table provides general statewide regulations for the species listed. **However, there are many waters in the state that have fishing regulations which differ from those in this table.** Please

refer to the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (p. 13), Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 14), and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 16-18). See page 5 for Detroit River definition.

Species	Minimum Size (inches)	Daily Possession Limit	Seasons
Largemouth bass Smallmouth bass (Note 2)	14"	5 total in any combination but no more than 2 northern pike (See Note 7)	3rd. Sat. in June - Dec. 31: L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. Sat. before Memorial Day - Dec. 31: All other waters including Great Lakes (except those listed in Note 2)
Walleye (Note 3)	15"		May 15 – March 15: Upper Peninsula Great Lakes and inland waters, and St. Marys R. Last Sat. in April – March 15: Lower Peninsula inland waters Open for the entire year: Lower Peninsula Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.
Northern pike (Note 7 & Pg. 9)	24"		Open for the entire year
Flathead catfish	15"		
Channel catfish	12"	10	
Muskellunge (Note 7 & Pg. 9)	42"	1	May 15 – March 15: Upper Peninsula Great Lakes and inland waters, and St. Marys R. Last Sat. in April – March 15: Lower Peninsula inland waters Open for the entire year: Lower Peninsula Great Lakes 1st Sat. in June – Dec. 15: L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.
Yellow perch (Note 4)	No size limit	50	Open for the entire year
Sunfishes (Note 5)		25 in any combination of the listed species	
White bass		25 on Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R. 10 on inland waters	
Lake whitefish Cisco (lake herring)		12 in any combination	
Lake sturgeon	Please see Table 2, p. 8 for Lake Sturgeon Regulations		
Smelt	No size limit	2 gallons	Open for the entire year (See pg. 12, Table 5)
All others (Note 6)	No size limit	No possession limit	Open for the entire year

## Notes for Table 1

### Note 1 - All Coolwater fish

Coolwater fish include all species listed in this table. **Regulations for trout and salmon on inland waters are provided on pages 22-37.**

### Note 2 - Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass

On **L. Michigan**, within one-half mile of the following islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago: Beaver, Garden, High and Hog, (**Charlevoix Co.**) the open season is July 1 - Dec. 31, (see p. 16).

**Catch-and-Immediate-Release seasons:** On the following waters, bass may be caught and released during the seasons listed. All bass caught must be immediately (see common terms p. 5) returned to the water: **L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.**, from the last Sat. in April - Fri. before the 3rd. Sat. in June; **All Lower Pen. waters including Great Lakes:** Last Sat. in April - Fri. before Memorial Day; **All Upper Pen. waters including Great Lakes:** May 15 - Fri. before Memorial Day.

### Note 3 - Walleye

**Lake Erie:** The daily possession limit will remain at six (6) fish through April 30, 2013. The daily possession limit for walleye will be set on May 1 each year. A special publication announcing the new daily possession limit will be available at DNR offices and license vendors starting in April 2012. The new daily possession limit will also be announced on the DNR website ([www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing)) and in a pre-recorded message at 888-367-7060.

**L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.:** On these waters the daily possession limit for walleye is 6 and the minimum size limit is 13".

**Little Bay de Noc (Delta Co.):** No more than one (1) walleye over 23" may be possessed in daily limit north of a line drawn from Peninsula Point Lighthouse to the mouth of the Ford R.

**Michigan waters of Green Bay:** from the mouth of the Menominee R. northward to the latitudinal line (45 degrees/15 minutes) located approximately 3 miles south of Rochereau Point: from March 2 - Fri. before 1st Sat. in May the daily possession limit is 1 walleye and from the 1st Sat. in May - March 1 the daily possession limit is 5 walleye.

**Mullett L. proper, Cheboygan R. from Mullett L. downstream to Cheboygan Dam (T38N, R1W, S31), and Black R. from Alverno Dam (T37N, R1W, S35) downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan R. (Cheboygan Co.):** The daily possession limit for walleye is 3 and the season for harvest of walleye is May 15 - Mar. 15, inclusive.

### Note 4 - Yellow perch

**L. Huron** waters of Mackinac and Chippewa Cos. and the **St. Marys R.**, the minimum size limit is 7".

**L. Michigan** south of the 45th parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays) the possession limit is 35 perch.

**L. Gogebic (Gogebic and Ontonagon Cos.):** The daily possession limit for yellow perch is 25 with no more than five (5) yellow perch 12" or greater.

### Note 5 - Sunfishes

Includes: black and white crappies, bluegill, green and hybrid sunfish, longear, pumpkinseed, redear, rock bass, and warmouth.

### Note 6 - All others

Those species not listed above and not considered trout or salmon.

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